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**RESPONSE TO
RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Application #	09/214,708
Confirmation #	8306
Filing Date	January 11, 1999
First Inventor	ITANO
Art Unit	1746
Examiner	Winter, Gentle E.
Docket #	P06217US0/BAS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated March 3, 2004, please amend the above identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in **Attachment A**.

Response to the Restriction Requirement and Remarks are provided herewith in **Attachment B**.

Examination and allowance of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

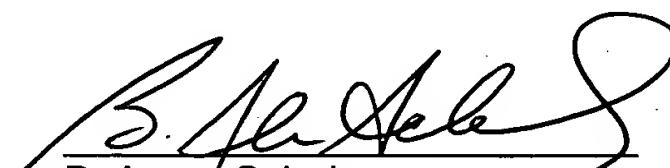
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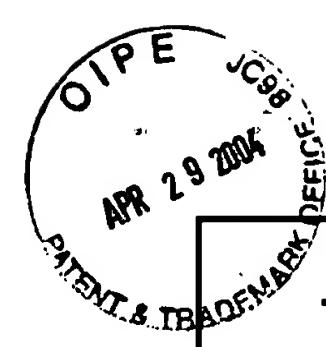
Respectfully submitted,
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ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

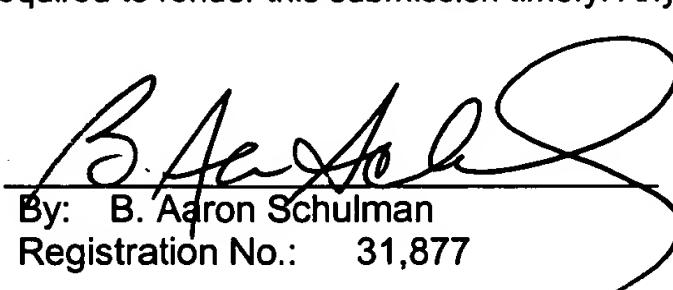
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FEES CALCULATION: For claims if required and/or other fees as shown below:

	NOW	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	\$
TOTAL CLAIMS	12	20		X \$ 18 =	
INDEP. CLAIMS	4	3	1	X \$ 86 =	86.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CLAIMS FEES =					86.00
Reduction by ½ for small entity status of applicant					
Fee for extension of time (per attached Petition)					
Other fee for					
SUBTOTAL =					86.00
TOTAL OF ALL FEES =					\$86.00

- A CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FORM (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$ 86.00 is enclosed. If no payment or an insufficient payment is enclosed and a fee is due in connection herewith, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or additional fee due in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 12-0555.
- In the event that a petition for extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and that a separate petition is not submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee is authorized above.

Date: 29 April 2004


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